## FRANCES STARR'S PLAY CANCELED TO AVOID CLASH

Academy Folk Heard Mayor Was Preparing to Close It.

WHOLEHOUSE ALMOST SOLD OUT

Belasco Agrees With Wells That "The Easiest Way" Had Better Seek Other Fields, Even When Richmond People Were Buying Every Seat in Theatre.

Even when the house had been prac-Academy of Music, by agreement with David Belasco, decided yesterday to cancel the engagement of Frances Starr in "The Easiest Way," which was scheduled to begin on Friday night. This break in the booking came sud-nly. For the past week there has luen more or less talk that Mayor Richardson would not allow the production to be put on here, though up to yesterday he had expressed no opinion concerning it. The Mayor had a conference yesterday with repre-sentatives of the Academy, at which he stated that while he doubted if the law permitted him to prohibit a play the nature of which he did not know, would be forced to act on Saturday if any citizens complained to him that first performance on Friday night was coarse and indecent.

Expected to Close It.
the Mayor did not desire or
to shirk any responsibility which fell upon his shoulders, he was rather in the position of the man seek-

Before he had been advised that Belasço and the Academy people had determined to transfer the engagement to some other point, the Mayor said that he had promised to give the theatre a final daswer this morning at 10 o'clock. "As at present advised," said the Mayor last night, "I do not see how I can permit the play to be put on

Richardson to give any swer to-day. The Easiest

Mayor Richardson to give any may may may be at the caught David Belasco were the long-distance telephone in New York, explained the situation and suggested. Mr. Belasco was very much start for four auto frequibile. Everybedy looks alike to Clerk J. M. Hayes, Jr., when it comes to issue the caught David Belasco was very much surprised and upset, because no complaint had reached him from other Southern citles in which Miss Start had been appearing during the past two or fire weeks, but he dold for the design and used the content of the start of the start of the may be should be present session, and Licenses Until State's Palm Is

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Not even the President of the United States may operate his automobile on the roads and streets of Virginia.

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With a view of eliminating any possibility of contention with city authoritles as to censoring of The Easiest Way' we have agreed with the Relasco management to cancel the Richmond dates of this attraction.

Must Refund Blg Money. Another message instructed Manager Wise to refund all money paid to the

Seeking first-hand information, Mayor Richardson sent a committee of censors te Norfolk to see the play, and on this committee's unfavorable report the

Thinks Her Play



# OPERATE AUTOS

Clerk Refuses to Issue Virginia est throngs of the present session, and there was no attempt to restrain the Licenses Until State's Palm Is

two or three weeks, but he told sit.

Wells to go ahead and cut it out. Then Mr. Wells sat down and wrote the following telegram to Manager Leo Wise, which came yesterday:

tary Charles D. Norton. The President of them, unable to contain the seats or thusiasm, stood up in their seats or beat their colleagues on the back or jumped up and down, waving their which came yesterday:

Three of them, unable to contain the president of them, unable to contain the president of them. Mr. Wells sat down and wrote the 101-lowing telegram to Manager Leo Wise, power and one 48, and one White Steamer, of 40-horsepower. Three of these machines come in the \$10 class and one in the \$20 row. Therefore, the Chief Executive must pay \$50 for automobile licenses, and \$10 for the four of Pennsylvania, voted for Washing-

Mr. Norton has been so notified, and

driven away.

Miss Starr played last night in Columbia, S. C., and last week she was

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Management Booker for the Acadmissioner George to send the tags to
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"Regardless of the law, I have directed that tags be sent to President
Taft for his four automobiles, and
the Montgomery Birmingham and Atthat no charge be made for them,"

Taft sent to the Senate the nomination of Colonel Wm. P. Biddle, to be commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

and members of the Police Commissioners, Mayor Richardson would not permit an abbreviated performance that night. But no other cities stopped "The Blue Mouse."

Not long after that a real wicked show came to the Bijou and the authorities chopped it in the head after the first performance. And then "The Girl From Rector's" was advertised. Seeking first-hand information, Mayor

Taft sent to the Senate the nomination of Colonel Wm. P. Biddle, to be commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Biddle is the ranking officer of the Marine Corps, and when confirmed by the Senate will acquire the title and rank of major-general—the office will succeed Major-general—the Secretary of the Navy. He will succeed Major-general under the Secretary of the Navy. He will succeed Major-general corps F. Elliott, who retired to make the will serve until December 17, 1917, when he will retire by operation of Massachusetts. Representative Rodenberg, of linois, and Woods, Illinois, and Woods, Illinois,

prominent in the banking and industrial circles of the Southern States, died here to-day. He had large holdings in naval stores and banks, and was vice-president of the Consolidated Grocery Company, of Jacksonville,

## Her Play is Very Wicked CALIFORNIA CITY WINS IN HOUSE

Republicans Support Republicans in Legisla-Exposition Claims of San Francisco.

DEMOCRATS VOTE FOR NEW ORLEANS

Great Crowd Hears Impassioned Schurman, Prendergast or John Speeches by Supporters of Rival Places, and Result Causes Wild Demonstration-Dramatic Tribute to People of South.

Washington, January 31 .- The House in favor of San Francisco and against exposition to celebrate the opening of that there will be a conference of Re

won, and that the Senate will ratify the action of the House.

San Francisco won by capturing the Republican vote in the House. New Orleans support came from the Demo-crats. Only thirty Republicans voted for New Orleans. Thirty-six Demo-The San Francisco resolution does

sk for government aid in any It simply asks the President of the United States to invite foreign nations to participate in the fair. No Great Naval Parade. effort to amend the resolution

to include provisions for an interna-tional naval parade from Hampton Roads through the Panama Canal and up the west coast to San Francisco vas defeated on a parliamentary point

The New Orleans bill catted for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for government exhibit and the creation of a government commission. The proceedings in the House, marking the culmination of the exposition fight, were unique. The galleries held the great-

How Parties Divided. Mr. Norton has been so notified, and a reply is being awaited at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

FREF AUTO TAGS FOR TAFT

How Parties Divided.

These are the Democrats who voted in favor of San Francisco:
Ashbrook, Ohio; Barnard, Indiana; Bartlett, Nevada; Coney, New York; Cox, Ohio; Finley, South Carolina; Wise to refund all money paid to the Academy for tickets. This is quite a considerable sum, for the sale, which went on early Monday, was exceedingly heavy, and there was every indication that not a single seat for any of the three performances would be left to-night.

It was not explained whether or not the Mayor had received any urgent complaint in advance against "The Easiest Way," though he did secure dozens of newspaper criticisms from towns in which the play appeared. It is known, however, that other big productions were not booked for the Academy through fear that they would be driven away.

Miss Starr played last night in Co-Table 19 to the Academy to the Collino Weisse, Wisconsin, and will be desired to the Chief and the Collino Weisse, New York; Goulden, New York; Goulden

lumbia, S. C., and last week she was in Montgomery, Birmingham and Atlanta, where her truly wonderful acting lifted her audience above the sordid lines of the piece.

Some That Did Not Get By.

The first production at the Academy on which Mayor Richardson put down his foot was "The Blue Mouse," There was a protest from a few people in the audience who did not leave the theatre until the final curtain went down, and while the company gave a dress rehearsal for the police, instead of the regular matinee, and then eliminated certain lines to satisfy Major Werner and members of the Police Commits.

Colone Biddle is a native of Penn-tylvania, and entered the Marine Corps June 19, 1875. He reached the rank of colonel nearly six years ago, and has seen a total sea service of seventeen years.

publicans. The "reput yeil" frequently was heard during the New Orleans demonstration.

Mr. Rodenberg declared that "all the auditons of the earth, yea, even the Jap-anese" would be welcome to New

Several other cities also shooed "The Girl" away.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST

Faint Accident on Bridge Over Passaic River.

Charles M. Covington Dead.

Pensacola, Fla., January 31.—Charles Manley Covington, one of Florida's weathinest citizens, and for years prominent in the banking and industrial circles of the Southern States, died here to the banking and industrial circles of the Southern States, died here to the company of the Southern States.

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## TO END DEADLOCK

ture May Take Hand in Democratic Fight.

AN INDEPENDENT FOR THE SENATE

Purroy Mitchell Suggested as Candidates on Which Minority and Insurgents Could Unite to Defeat Sheehan.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] New Orleans as the city in which an sprung to-day, when it was learned the Panama Canal in 1915 shall be publican rembers of the Lag slatury held. This vote was taken on a roll- to-morrow for the purpose of taking a call to determine whether the San hand in the Democratic fight. The Francisco resolution or the New Oi- conference may drop into a caucus, in the House. On a final vote, the San pew as the senatorial choice in the Francisco resolution was passed by a Republicans and substitute lacob G. Schurman, president of Cornell The advocates of San Francisco are claiming to-night that their fight is dergast, or I tesident of the Board Aldermen John Purroy Mitchell. Thus two Republicans of high class and an Independent Democrat are under consideration. Should ope

chosen it will be done with the sole idea of breaking the deadlock over Sheehan, and attracting the "insurgents," who now block him. While the scheme has not been worked out, it has been pushed by Assemblyman Sweet, and it has the bicking of several prominent Republican Jeautors Senator Lepew's highest vote wa

81. This number, with twenty of the twenty-niae insurgents, could elect a Senator. It is probable that the two independence League men-Assemblyman O'Connor and Senator Duhame;-would join such a Republican manocre

Majority Favor Plan.
Some Recult Jeans, including Edwin
A. Merritt, reader in the Assembly, and
Senator Seth Heacock, abdirman of the caucus committee, do not favor the

"We have talked over such a thing,"

Dix Would Not See Murphy. Governor Dix refused to-day, according to his own statement, to see Charles F. Murphy. While some persons were inclined to think this action was snub, others passed off the incident lightly.

"Have you seen Mr. Murphy this morning?" the Governor was asked. "No," was the reply. "He called, but sent word to him that I would be unable to see him."

That was about 11:20. For ten minthe Capitol with Murphy, paced the corridor outside the chamber. Murphy was within one of the executive offices for at least ten minutes. If grace. They went out to dinner, the Governor did not see him, he must they are going out to breakfast this rock was in the bed of the river in have waited that long in an ante-room, morning, for on the advice of countel, front of the proposed wharf could be When the Executive told the story

to, the newspaper men, after Mr. Murphy had gone, he wore his heavy overcoat and was in a hurry to catch a train for New York

There was very little change to-day. The only shifts were made by Senator White and Assemblyman Martin, both from Van Santvood to Kernan.

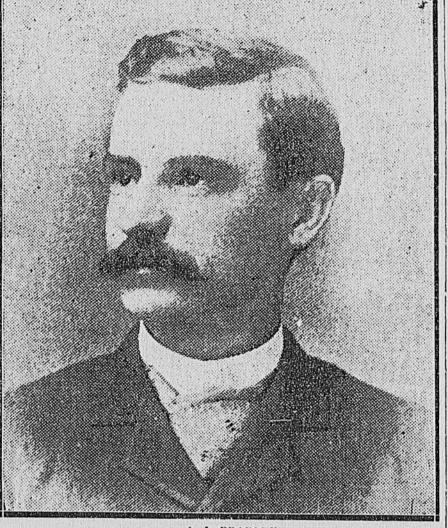
When Charles F. Murphy was asked if there was anything in the talk of possible compromise candidate, he replied: "We have one candidate now, and there is no use talking of any one else as long as he is the choice of the majority of the party."

## DINNER TO SUPREME COURT

preme Court the guests included Attorney-General and Mrs. Wickersham, several Senators and Representatives and their wives, the Chancellor of the Supreme Court of Delaware and Mrs. Curtis, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Fell: James Keith, the president of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia; Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and Mrs. Boyd; the president of the Surreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia and Mrs. Williams; former Senator and Mrs. J. B./Foraker and others.

Former Bank President Sentenced.

## PLAN NEW MOVE CITY DOCK CASE WORKED UP BY BRADLEY FOR CONTINGENT FEE Got Bill Through Legislature as Agent of Bondholders.



## GOES INTO COURT AT LAST APPROVED

Lawyer Will Ask Judge Waddill to Appoint Receiver in

DINING-ROOM

Miss Leftwich had turned the hotel

court proceedings during the afterdill was out of the city, and as it was necessary to have somebody in charge. he went to Norfolk by boat last night to formally present his petition. Inasmuch as no papers have been filed as yet, the exact situation financially

boarders at the Guerrant, many of whom were thrown into confusion by boarders took the situation in good Miss Ledwich will only keep the hotel cren and properly heated until the equipment. The general understanding is that the exeavation in front of the wharf to teceiver will either act as manager or employ a manager at once.

or them.
Some of the boarders arranged last ment proposes as the ultimate depth

Post-office Department.

Wheeling, W. Va., January 21.—
Since Mrs. John Or Schenk was released, after a sensational trial, on the charge of attempting to poison her husband, and the announcement was made that eleven jurors favored her acquittal, members of the Schenk family have been in receipt of many anonymous letters which, it is alleged, come under the law. These letters threaten them with all sorts of calamitles if the prosecution of Mrs. Schenk is continued. It was stated to-day that the letters have been given to the Post-office Department, and an ef-Court. to-day sentenced William Adler, former president of the defunct State Not Affected.

It was stated to-day sentenced William Adler, former president of the defunct State Nat have been given to that the letters have been given to the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. Adler Senting the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. Adler Senting the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary and the Senting of three indictments charging misappropriation of the bank's funds.

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The Southern Railway Company has continued, they are not based on wharfage, but on the possibility of counts of three indictments charging misappropriation of the bank's funds.

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The Southern Railway Company has begun this week the tearing away of an old trestle which crosses Water and their sister, Mrs. Mary Doepkin, have received such letters, it is stated.

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liminary Work to Be

\$5,451.

in the forthcoming annual budget funds both for the wharf as specified

in the contract, and for the removal

of the P. Sandford Ross Company; of

The matter has been before the Finance Committee for several weeks.

At a former meeting it was brought

to the attention of the committee that

in front of the proposed location on

the river there was a ledge of solid

rock which might prove expensive to

had been expected from the beginning

Mr. Bolling reported last night that

a uniform depth of eighteen feet below

low tide, the present depth of the gov-

harbor, would require the removal of

the Ross Company was 75 cents a yard,

out to contract; and 474 cubic yards of

May Cut Channel Deeper.

Were the bottom in front of the wharf cut down to what the govern-

for the Richmond harbor, twenty-two

deepen the channel, and meanwhile, were the bottom beside the wharf to

be cut below the channel, it would inev-

City Owns Water Front.

The matter of building a public

itably fill up at the first freshet,

and loose rock, for which the

solid, rock at \$11.50, costing

of the rock, in accordance with the bid

Jersey City.

Cost of Dredging.

been b

Finance Committee Indorses Award for Concrete Work on Norfolk To-Day. River Project.

LEDGES ARE TO BE REMOVED

Property Turned Over to Cred- Engineer Estimates Cost of Preitors in Bankruptcy Proceedings.

After discussing the various plans prietor of the Guerrant Hotel, at Third for erecting a public wharf on James and Main Streets, will file a petition River, the Council Committee on in bankruptcy in the United States

Finance last night recommended to the A notable array of counsel was pres-District Court in Norfolk to-day, and Council the approval of the award of ent throughout the day, forecasting would will ask Judge Waddill, who 's holding contract made by the Committee on combine upon an Independent (or Dem- court in that city, to name a receiver James River Improvement to the Rayto take charge of the property. No- mond Concrete Pile Company for erectice signed by Attorney J. Kent Raw- for \$33.780. The concrete piles are not ley was posted on the dining room door at 1 o'clock yesterday stating that have been taken from the river, at an estimated cost of \$5,451. over to her creditors, and that no din-The Finance Committee will provide ner would be served at 6 o'clock,

> Takes Papers to Norfolk. Mr. Rawley had expected to file the noon until he learned that Judge Wad-

could not be learned.

There are about forty-five regular

Miss Leftwich opened the Guerrant four years ago and since that time she 3,946 cubic yards of earth, clay, sand of Schenectady county, who changed has worked faithfully and hard to keep it up to the right standard. The prop-erty is owned by J. M. Fourqurean, making \$2,959.50 if the work were put who is now in Florida. It rented for \$4,800 a year. There are about sixty-\$4,500 a year. There are about state solld, rock at \$11.50, costing \$5.40 five rooms, and the business would making a total for exeavation of \$8 have been much more profitable except 410.50. that some of the rooms are so small that it was difficult to find occupants

night for quarters elsewhere, and, as Bistinguished Guests Attend Annual
White House Event.

Washington, January 31.—Chief Justice White and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, accompanied by their wives, were the guests of honor to-night at and Mrs. Taft to members of that tribunal at the White House.

Besides the members of the Supreme Court the guests included Attorney-General and Mrs. Wickershap by the supreme Court the guests included Attorney-General and Mrs. Wickershap obstateles for nearly four years.

Ingul for quarters eisewhere, and, as the house has been turned over to creditors, there will be a general moving out unless Mr. Rawley returns from Norfolk to-day and puts a manager in charge. Much sympathy was expressed for Miss Leftwich, espressed for Miss Le the house has been turned over to creditors, there will be a general movobstacles for nearly four years.

## SCHENKS THREATENED

Anonymous Letters Turned Over to Post-Office Department.

SHOWS CONTRACT TO COMMISSION

Fact Charged That Only Fifteen Members of Chamber, Which Is Opposed to Closing, Voted for Resolution to Fight Petition in Courts-End Not Reached.

Evidence adduced yesterday before he State Corporation Commission in Company to be allowed to close the that according to a contract between pay all the expenses of prosecuting the petition, and in case of a successful consummation, is to receive a cash consideration or else stock in a real estate company which is to market the property.

After the attorneys for the city and the Chamber of Commerce had secured this information from Mr. Bridley, the contract itself was produced by Eppa Hunton, counsel for the bondholders. No objection to its production and admission as evidence was made by the lawyers for the petitioners, who expressed the opinion that it would not hurt their case.

Chamber Meeting Small.
In the meantime Mr. Bradley perved his equanimity, making an cellent witness. He asserted that the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at which resolutions were adopted em-demning the proposed closing of the dock was composed of only lifteen members, and that invitations were sent out, according to his best belief, only to those versonally interested by reason of their location along the dockside. He further sail that a number of leading citizens would come up and testify in favor of cuesing of the dock, did it rot look like disloyalty to the chamber.

Commissioner R. R. Prentis said that not much weight would be given by him to the opinions of men who would not come forward and testify before the commission Thereupon Mr. Hun-ton said he thought a similar degree of weight might be given to the reso-lutions of the Chamber of Commerce, composed of 777 manihers, of whom fit-teen were present at the meeting when action against closing the dock was

Evidence Not Complete. time for argument comes. The peti-licners did not conclude their testimony, but have one or two more witnesses to put on the stant when the hearing is resumed at 10 o'clock this morning. There are some witnesses also for the city, the Chamber of Com-merce and the property owners and business men along the line of the

Only one side has, of course, so far been heard. The evidence is to the effect that the business done by the dock is very small, and that when the new city wharves are built the property as a dock will be worth nothing, According to Ferdinand Ebel, former president of the City Council, the institution 's a nulsance from the point

of view of the coroner. Don't Favor Wharves. However, this view of the matter was not entirely shared by James N. last witness of the day. He earnestly desires that the city buy the dock an 1 "stop all this foolishness below Gillie's Creek"-referring to the proposed wharves. He thinks nothing at all of the latter proposition.

Eppa Hunton and Richard Evelyn dredged out by the city tug and its Byrd are the attorneys for the petitioners, who are the bondholders' committee of the William R. Trigg Company. City Attorney Honry R. Pollard appeared for the city of Richmond; Judge George L. Christian for the Chamber of Commerce; Judge Beverly ernment channel, turning basin and T. Crump for the adjacent business houses, and Henry Taylor, Jr., for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Com-

> carnestly contend that the closing of the dock would injure the shipping interests of Richmond and that the public use of easement is one which should be maintained for the use of the people for all time.

Profits Are Small, E. L. Bemiss, of the bendholders' committee, was the first witness. He submitted figures to show that the sand and loose rock, amounting to revenues from the dock for the year 1910 amounted to only \$5,563.92, of which \$442.50 was for the use of water, and the remainder for dockage. expense account showed \$1,849,43, sary at this time to excavate to the ing a total expenditure of \$3,111.54. leaving a surplus of \$2,151.48.

Mr. Bemiss was of opinion that the closing and filling up of the deck, and the building of structures for commercial purposes would result in a large against the small amount of about \$1,-